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1. WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE ERCILLA NOVEMBER 19 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL DURING WHICH HE COMMENTED ON BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA ASPIRATIONS. CARVAJAL SAID THIS PROBLEM IS BEING STUDIED IN A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT. HE STATED THE DIALOGUE IS OPEN AND FRANK, BUT TOPIC IS COMPLEX AND NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY STUDIED TO ENSURE A GOOD AND LASTING SOLUTION.

2. HE WARNED IT IS NOT JUST A BOLIVIAN PROBLEM WHICH HAS TO BE SOLVED BY CHILE, AND SAID THE SOLUTION SHOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. CARVAJAL SAID HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA IS GOING TO BE GIVEN, BUT STATED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY IS BEING STUDIED: "WE (CHILE) WERE CLEAR IN STATING THAT THE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS PRESENTED A HOPE AND NOT A PROMISE."

3. CARVAJAL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE MAY BE IMPATIENCE TO OBTAIN RESULTS, BUT SAID ONE CANNOT SPEAK OF THE SHORT TERM.

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STATED PERU HAD NOT YET PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN

CHILE AND BOLIVIA, BUT THAT IF IT IS DECIDED TO GIVE BOLIVIA AN OUTLET THROUGH ARICA IT WOULD BE NECESSARY UNDER 1929 TREATY TO HAVE PERU'S APPROVAL. CARVAJAL ASSURED PERU THAT IT WOULD BE CONSULTED.

4. LOCAL PRESS NOVEMBER 21 CARRIED WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM LA PAZ REPORTING THAT BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GUZMAN EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN CARVAJAL STATEMENTS, AND SAID THAT THERE IS A "CLEAR CONTRADICTION" BETWEEN WHAT CARVAJAL SAID AT UNITED NATIONS AND WHAT HE SAID IN ERCILLA INTERVIEW.

5. COMMENT: CARVAJAL'S COMMENTS AGAIN REITERATE CHILEAN POSITION THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED BOLIVIA'S RIGHT TO A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA, BUT THAT THEY ARE CAREFULLY STUDYING THE PROBLEM OF AN OUTLET AND COMMUNICATING WITH BOLIVIA.
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